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SPEECHES AND ARTICLES

SUMMARY: PRAVDA MARCH 17 REVIEWS NEWLY-PUBLISHED  
COLLECTION OF SPEECHES AND ARTICLES BY SOVIET LEADERS  
DURING PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH JULY, 1977. BREZHNEV, NOT  
SURPRISINGLY, DOMINATES REVIEW. KIRILENKO GOES  
UNMENTIONED. END SUMMARY.

1. MARCH 17 ISSUE OF PRAVDA CARRIES UNSIGNED REVIEW OF  
NEWLY-PUBLISHED COLLECTION OF SPEECHES AND ARTICLES BY  
SOVIET LEADERS FROM JANUARY THROUGH JULY 1977. COLLECTION  
IS SECOND VOLUME OF SERIES WITH TITLE: "THE 25TH CONGRESS  
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION: THE UNITY OF  
THEORY AND PRACTICE." (FIRST VOLUME COVERED ALL OF 1976.)  
REVIEW, ALTHOUGH NOT COLLECTION ITSELF, IS ORGANIZED BY  
TOPICS: THE ECONOMY AND THE CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN, THE  
CONSTITUTION, NATIONAL UNITY, THE MILITARY, THE ROLE OF  
THE PARTY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. EXCEPT FOR THE SECTION ON  
THE MILITARY, WHICH INCLUDES ONLY ONE ARTICLE (BY USTINOV),  
BREZHNEV'S CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MENTIONED AT BEGINNING OF  
DISCUSSION OF EACH TOPIC. OTHER LEADERS WHOSE WORKS ARE  
INCLUDED IN THE REVIEW ARE COVERED ALPHABETICALLY WITHIN  
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EACH TOPIC IN USUAL ORDER --I.E., FULL POLITBURO MEMBERS  
FOLLOWED BY CANDIDATE MEMBERS, FOLLOWED BY MEMBERS OF  
SECRETARIAT.

2. BREZHNEV'S SPEECHES ARE MENTIONED SEVEN TIMES IN THE  
ARTICLE AND HE IS LISTED TWICE MORE IN CONNECTION WITH

HIS LEADERSHIP ROLE. ONLY SHCHERBITSKY AMONG THE OTHER LEADERS IS CITED TWICE, FOR HIS ARTICLES ON THE FIVE YEAR PLAN AND ON NATIONAL UNITY. SUSLOV IS MENTIONED ONLY FOR HIS SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF BREZHNEV'S ELECTION TO THE POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET. KOSYGIN IS INCLUDED IN THE SECTION ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WITH REFERENCE TO A SPEECH ON COOPERATION AMONG SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

3. UNMENTIONED IN THE REVIEW (AND NOT INCLUDED IN THE COLLECTION) ARE POLITBURO MEMBERS ANDROPOV, KIRILENKO, MAZUROV AND PEL'SHE; CANDIDATE MEMBERS CHERNENKO, DEMICHEV AND KUZNETSOV; AND SECRETARIAT MEMBERS KAPITONOV, RUSAKOV AND RYABOV. ALL EXCEPT KUZNETSOV, RUSAKOV AND RYABOV (WHO WERE NAMED TO THEIR POSITIONS IN LATE 1976 OR IN 1977) WERE INCLUDED IN THE EARLIER COLLECTION.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT THE OMISSION OF KIRILENKO, WHOSE POLITICAL PROMINENCE AND COMBINATION OF POLITBURO AND SECRETARIAT POSITIONS OFTEN BRINGS HIM INTO PUBLIC VIEW. A QUICK CHECK OF OUR FILES, HOWEVER, DID NOT REVEAL ANY MAJOR SPEECHES BY KIRILENKO DURING THE JANUARY THROUGH JULY PERIOD, WHICH COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE OMISSION. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT SOME SPEECH OR ARTICLE COULD HAVE BEEN DREDGED UP WHICH WOULD HAVE JUSTIFIED INCLUDING HIS NAME IN THE COLLECTION. WE NOTE ALSO THAT SECRETARIAT MEMBER RYABOV, GENERALLY

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CONSIDERED A PROTEGO OF KIRILENKO (77 MOSCOW 17048), WAS ALSO EXCLUDED.

5. WE REPORT THESE OMISSIONS AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO OUR READERSHIP, BUT WOULD BE INCLINED NOT TO DRAW ANY FAR-REACHING CONCLUSIONS FROM THEM, PARTICULARLY SINCE KIRILENKO APPEARS IN THE SAME ISSUE OF PRAVDA FOR DELIVERING A SPEECH TO THE INSTITUTE FOR INCREASING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF LEADERS OF PARTY AND SOVIET CADRES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE.

6. OUR STRONGEST IMPRESSION, REINFORCED BY THE PASSING MENTION OF SUSLOV AND KOSYGIN AND THE COMPLETE OMISSION OF KIRILENKO, IS ONE OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE IMAGE OF BREZHNEV'S PREEMINENCE. TOON

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